GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4917
ANSWERED ON:25.08.2000
WAIVER OF LOAN
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rs.8,400 crore Central loan given to Punjab to fight terrorism during 1984-94 has been waived off;

(b) if so, the year-wise grant of loan during the above period alongwith the specific purpose for which the loan was granted;

(c) whether the Centre has granted loans to another States too during the last three years;

(d) if so, the State-wise and year-wise details alongwith the purpose of the loan; and

(e) the amount of Central loan granted to Orissa since the devastating cyclone?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) : As per the recommendations of the Tenth Finance Commission, one-third of the repayment of principal for the period 1995-2000 amounting to Rs.495.22 crores, in respect of the special term loans given to Punjab had been waived. Besides, Government of India had waived repayment obligations (principal and interest) of the Government of Punjab in respect of special term loans, amounting to Rs.2917.89 crores during the same period. The Eleventh Finance Commissionwhose report was placed in the Parliament recently, has recommended for a moratorium on the payment of instalments of debt and interest on the special term loans given to Punjab during 1984-94, due for repayment from the State of Punjab during the period 2000-05.

(b): Year-wise details of special term loans released as part of Central assistance for State plan to the Government of Punjab during the period 1984-85 to1993-94 are given in the statement enclosed (Annexure-I).

(c) to (e): Central assistance is generally released to the States in monthly instalments in the form of Block Loans and Block Grants for financing their Annual Plans. Details of release of Block Loans to States including Orissa, during the last three years are given in the statement enclosed (Annexure-II).

Annexure-I

Statement referred to in reply to part(b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.4917 for 25.08.2000 regarding Waiver of Loan.

Special Terms Loan given to Punjab (Rs. in crore)

year	Amount
1984-85	290.25
1985-86	281.31
1986-87	349.35
1987-88	650.00
1988-99	730.00
1989-90	560.00
1990-91	800.00
1991-92	600.00
1992-93	600.00
1993-94	939.00

Annexure-II

Statement referred to in reply to parts (c) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.4917 for 25.08.2000 regarding waiver of loans.

Block Loans released during 1997-98 to 1999-2000 (Rs. in crore)

S.No.	State	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
1	Andhra Pr.	1529.77	1360.58	1832.90
2	Arunachal Pr,	44.64	51.69	51.60
3	Assam	131.67	146.38	150.70
4	Bihar	959.21	1383.32	1577.25
5	Goa	54.41	48.46	47.73
6	Gujarat	651.67	906.80	1050.15
7	Haryana	316.31	288.03	348.76
8	Himachal Pr.	60.50	79.94	103.99
9	J&K	224.89	235.19	289.59
10	Karnataka	620.68	726.57	900.73
11	Kerala	381.10	469.09	495.29
12	Madhya Pr.	885.65	982.63	1335.09
13	Maharashtra	1306.14	1073.09	849.09
14	Manipur	62.37	51.08	66.41
15	Meghalaya	25.77	32.50	36.18
16	Mizoram	31.98	32.25	36.76
17	Nagaland	29.49	36.40	47.27
18	Orissa	830.75	850.19	845.17
19	Punjab	391.95	299.18	285.83
20	Rajasthan	628.54	806.96	763.77
21	Sikkim	20.96	24.94	30.35
22	Tamilnadu	967.09	794.05	986.97
23	Tripura	41.56	54.84	90.69
24	Uttar Pr.	2035.08	2050.57	2411.78
25	West Bengal	1072.38	1468.86	1460.80
Total:		13304.56	14253.59	16094.85